Table 1. Causes of Death in 35 Combat Casualties

Cause of Death	Number of Patients
Irreversible shock	11
Vital-organ damage	9
Uncontrolled hemorrhage	
Bronchial obstruction	2
Cardiac arrest	1
Myocardial infarction	1
Blast injury (lungs)	1
Fat embolism (cerebral)	1
Post-traumatic renal insufficiency*	1
Subdural hematoma	1
Cause undetermined	1
Total	38

<sup>\*</sup>Most of the patients having this syndrome were evacuated to the Renal Insufficiency Center; therefore, death rarely occurred at a forward hospital.